

ECONOMIC RECOVERY FROM COAST-TO-COAST

“The number of Americans who believe that the nation is headed in the right direction has roughly tripled since Barack Obama's election...”

– Washington Post, 3/31/09

Over the past several months, President Obama and the Democratic Congress have been working together to address the serious challenges facing our nation. Cutting the deficit, making a down payment on health care reform, investing in energy independence, and reforming education are top priorities for this Administration and Congress, and they are critical to the long-term economic prosperity of our nation. While we work toward these goals, Americans continue to express strong support for our agenda.

Majority of Americans Support President Obama's Economic Policy

Recent national polling shows that there is broad support among Americans for President Obama's economic agenda:

“64 percent of Americans are confident that Obama's economic program will improve the economy.” – Washington Post/ABC News poll, 3/31/09

“60 percent approval rating for how [President Obama is] handling the economy.” – Washington Post/ABC News poll, 3/31/09

“Six-in-ten voters agree with Obama's argument that we can only fix the economy and create long-term prosperity with a broad agenda that includes investments in health care and energy.” – Democracy Corps Survey, 3/31/09

Americans Already Seeing Impact of Democratic Economic Recovery Legislation

“The early federal stimulus money appears to be hitting its target, paying for new projects and creating jobs, according to a USA TODAY review of some of the first projects funded. Most early spending is flowing, as planned, into ‘shovel-ready’ projects — a new bridge over a Louisiana bayou, the widening of a mountain road in Colorado — that wouldn't have occurred this year without stimulus money. Hiring on those projects has already begun or will occur within the next three months, say officials overseeing the contracts.” – USA Today, 4/1/09

“The state will kick off its first stimulus road project in about two weeks now that Gov. Jennifer Granholm has signed a bill authorizing Michigan to spend millions in federal recovery dollars...Granholm said the extra federal dollars are expected to create 25,000 jobs this year and next.” – Associated Press, 3/31/09

“[Near Portland, OR, a] stimulus project will spend \$4.2 million to raise railroad tracks by 18 inches so they are level with the city's main street. That improvement will let cars cross the street without a detour. That, in turn, will create access to property where a developer wants to build a hotel and shopping center. ‘Without stimulus dollars, the private investment would not occur, and 100 to 200 permanent jobs might be lost,’ Hanken says.” – USA Today, 3/31/09

“Argonne National Laboratory is set to receive a \$99 million stimulus boost to help accelerate environmental cleanup work...‘These investments will put Americans to work while cleaning up contamination from the cold war era,’ [Energy Secretary Steven Chu] said.” – Chicago Tribune, 3/31/09

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